Remarks

This is in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed October 3, 2008. The Examiner's assistance in moving this application into condition for allowance is appreciated.

During a telephone conversation on December 3, 2008, Applicants' representative, Robert A. Kalinsky, noted that references listed in several Information Disclosure Statements were lined through as not being considered. The Examiner indicated that the references were not considered because no dates were provided. Applicants' representative noted that several of the unconsidered references did include dates and that dates could be provided for several of the other unconsidered references. The Examiner agreed to consider these references if the dates were provided in a subsequent filing.

Attached hereto is a courtesy Form 1449 listing the dates for these references. As noted above, all of the references were previously cited in Information Disclosure Statements filed for this application. Copies of the references are available in the Image File Wrapper.

Consideration of the references is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned.

The Examiner's assistance is appreciated. Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this application.

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